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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos.

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Part B for

Feb 1920.

SUBJECT.

Protection of infection from shaving
Brush

See 7) 10, The F.A.A.

P.O. No 900 of 12.2.20

States that the Sany Comm. who was asked
reports that one sample of each of the
several makes of Shaving and Tooth Brushes
sold in the Bazaar in Delhi was purchased
& examined at the P. H. Institute but in
none of the samples examined were anti-rabies
detected

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAL

(Sincerely)

NOTES.

File No. 3019

FILE HEADING.

Protection of infection from shaving brush

From

The First Asst. to the Health & Resident in Mysore

No. 6271

Dated 14.8.19

Received 18.8.19

Diary No 3285

Enclos. 6 Spare Copies.

Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forward for information a copy of letter No 602 of the 2nd July 19, with enclosures, from the Govt. of India, re. infection arising from the use of an infected shaving brush imported from England.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Draft forwarded to above communication to the Sanitary Board for perusal & return is submitted. If approved the press communication may be republished for general information.

18.8.19 1919. Sub. the for.

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Rev. Mr. 3 minutes
apt. 21/8

may also be published in newspaper
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NOTES—First Sheet.

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To Messrs. Coors
Jog 5/62 8/1-5-19.Forward a copy of letter no 402 8/27.19
from the Govt of India & also for the
result of the examination ^{made} in the
Laboratory of the brushes.From, The Punjab Census
No. 6553 of 10th Dec 19.States ^{that} with ref to 522, are sample
of each of the several makes
of marring and tooth brushes
was examined in the P. H. Institute
and that in none of the samples
was ~~is~~ ^{is} detected.Submitted ^{with a graph} ~~of~~To ~~Govt~~
12/12Please call for names of
^{brand} firms ~~the~~ exporting & importing,
brand of the brushes examined if available
17/12

Draft put up

to ~~Govt~~

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Do

To Messrs. Coors 18/1

No 1440 of 23/12.19.

Request to furnish the names of the firms
exporting & importing and the brands etc of theLeft
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and other information re them which
would help in their identification.

- 5 From. The Secy Commr.
No. G.C. 197-4 & 26th Jan 1920.
In reply to O.L. 4. States that
particulars leading to the
identification of certain envelopes
are not available.

Submitted for orders.

For 688
29/1/20. 29/1/20

Why was not any action taken
about getting the Communiqué published in the Gazette

Submitted with a draft. At the
enclosed the Press Communiqué
was forwarded to the Secy Commr.
with this Office letter No. G. 5162
& 19-19, it was not possible to
publish it then.

For 688
31/1/20. 31/1/20

Issue.
The draft may be approved.

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- 6 To The Compiler Mysore Gazette
Vol. 1809. 27.2.20.
Republished the Press Communiqué
by Govt of India 2/4-6. 19.

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now issue?

Submitted for order.

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The draft may be approved.

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To

Mr. F. A. Resident

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At 110900 of 12.2.20

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States that the Army Commr.

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who was asked reports to say that
one sample of each of the several
makes of Draining and toilet brushes
sold in the bazaars in Oboresing
was purchased and examined
at the P. H. Institute, but in none
of the samples examined were
anthrax bacilli detected

SECTION-BRANCH
19 FEB 1920

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No. 402.

FROM

THE HON'BLE MR. H. SHARP, C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY,
GENERAL DEPARTMENT.
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,
MUNICIPAL (SANITATION) DEPARTMENT.
THE JUDICIAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED PROVINCES.
THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
PUNJAB.
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA,
GENERAL DEPARTMENT.
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR AND ORISSA,
MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.
THE SECOND SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
CENTRAL PROVINCES.
THE SECOND SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
ASSAM.
THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER AND AGENT
TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, NORTH-WEST FRONTIER
PROVINCE.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF COORG.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF DELHI.

Simla, the 2nd July 1919.

Department of Education.
Sanitary.

SIR,

(WITH reference to the correspondence ending with your telegram, dated the 23rd May 1919), I am directed to forward () to Madras only.
* [Telegram to the Government of Madras, no. 289-Sany., dated the 14th May 1919.] for information a copy of the papers noted [] not to Madras.
[Telegram from the Government of Madras, dated the 22nd May 1919.] in the margin* regarding the occurrence of a
[Telegram from the Government of Madras, dated the 23rd May 1919.] fatal case of anthrax in a European at Coonoor, arising from the use of an infected shaving brush imported from England.
Press Communiqué, dated the 14th June 1919.
Memorandum by the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, no. 1204 Ds. An., dated the 10th June 1919.

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2. I am to observe that while the danger of contracting the disease in this manner is probably limited in extent, the circumstances stated in the memorandum by the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, no. ^{1204 Ds. An.}₁₋₁₅, dated the 10th June 1919 indicate the desirability of making an effort to determine the extent to which infected brushes are imported into this country. I am accordingly to request that arrangements may be made by the local ^{Government}_{Administration} for the purchase of cheap varieties of shaving brushes and their examination at a laboratory, and that the results may be communicated to the Government of India. I am to add that the Director, Central Research Institute, Kasauli, has agreed to undertake the examination of samples sent to him for that purpose from provinces having no separate laboratories of their own.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Sd.) H. SHARP,

Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 403.

Copy with a copy of enclosures forwarded to the ^{Foreign and Political}_{Army} Department, for information.

No. 403.

Copy forwarded to the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, for information.

By order,

(Sd.) J. M. MITRA,

Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

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Telegram no. 289-Sany., dated Simla, the 14th May 1919.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education,

To—The Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department,
Ootacamund.

Government India understand a fatal case of Anthrax occurred in a European at Coonoor. Infection appears to have been acquired from shaving brush and Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, reported to Sanitary India that two brushes from same consignment gave positive result on examination at Coonoor. Please furnish by telegram information on following points: name of importer, number of brushes received, date of importation, distribution of consignment and name of exporting firm. Also, in view of possibility of other brushes from same consignment having been distributed in other parts of India, please telegraph this information so far as it can be obtained at once with warning that these samples have been found infected to other local Governments in order to save time.

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Telegram dated Ootacamund, the 22nd May 1919.

From—The Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department,
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education, Simla.

Your telegram 289-Sanitary, dated 14th instant, regarding Anthrax in Coonoor. Two dozen shaving brushes were imported by Donnison of Coonoor Pharmacy in 1918 from G. B. Kent and Son, per Donnison and Son, London. Two remaining unsold brushes were submitted to Pasteur Institute, Coonoor and material from bristles plated and inoculated in guinea pig gave positive results. Information regarding brushes burnt required in your telegram of yesterday will follow.

Telegram dated Ootacamund, the 23rd May 1919.

From—The Secretary to the Government of Madras, Local and Municipal Department,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education, Simla.

My telegram of 22nd instant, regarding Anthrax, Coonoor. Out of two dozen brushes 22 were sold last year and are not traceable remaining two burnt.

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Memo. no. ^{1204 Ds. An.}₁₋₁₅, dated Simla, the 10th June 1919.

From—The Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education, Simla.

In continuation of my memorandum No. 1144-DS. An. 1-13, dated the 30th May 1919, I beg to forward the following details of human anthrax due to infection by shaving brushes for England and Wales.

The brushes were of the cheap variety made of imitation badger hair with a bone handle. The hair used consisted in great part of Chinese horse hair, and the remaining unmanufactured hair was found to be largely infected with anthrax spores. All the brushes came from one wholesale dealer and were manufactured in a single factory.

Sample brushes were received in the laboratory for examination from Folkestone, Birmingham, Rhondda, Manchester, Bolton, Sheffield, Southwork, Mosley, Guildford, Eastbourne, Liverpool and Bramshott. "The greater number of the shaving brush samples were found to contain anthrax spores."

In 1915 there were 6 human cases and in 1916 13 human cases among civilians. Among soldiers 18 cases occurred in England and 28 in France. The origin of all the military cases was not traced, but "some were undoubtedly due to infection from shaving brushes."

In addition to the above cases due to shaving brushes manufactured in England there were four cases of anthrax traceable to brushes of foreign manufacture. The brushes in these cases were manufactured in or came from New York. "One consignment of shaving brushes from Japan was found to be heavily infected with anthrax."

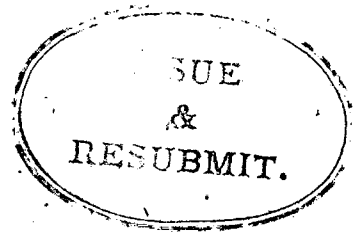
It is probable that the danger of anthrax from infected brushes is limited in extent, but "it constitutes an appreciable risk which ought to be guarded against." I suggest the purchase of *cheap* shaving brushes and their examination at the different laboratories in India. We shall then be in a position to judge to what extent infected brushes are being imported into this country.

// N. B.

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Dated Simla, the 14th June 1919.

PRESS COMMUNIQUÉ—By the Government of India, Department of Education.

A case of anthrax in man arising from the use of an infected shaving brush recently occurred in India. Though the danger of contracting this disease in this manner is limited in extent, it constitutes an appreciable risk and, as similar cases have been known in other countries also, it ought to be guarded against. A simple way of eliminating all risk is to immerse a new shaving brush for about 10 hours—i.e., overnight—in a 1 to 1000 solution of corrosive sublimate or to boil it.



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SUBJECT.

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

Section *San*
File No. *30-19..*
Serial No. *7*

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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No. *5562(6)*

Date of issue..... *1/9*

To

The Sanitary Commission

Signed by..... *Mr. L. J. P.*

Sir,

I am directed to forward ^{with enclosed 2 of which} herewith for necessary action a copy of ~~letter~~ *letter* No. 402 dated the 2nd July 19, with five enclosures, from the *Govt of India*, re. infection arising from the use of an infected shaving brush imported from England.

2 The copy of this report, with enclosures, may be kindly returned to the office for record.

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I have
W. J. P.
over.
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Subj. Sanitary

The results of examination in the laboratory of the brushes you may subject to the test may be reported for the information of Govt.

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G.C.No. 6

Office of the Sanitary Commissioner
with the Government of M Y S O R E,
Bangalore, Dated the 8th December 1919

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From

A.K.Pani, Esq., D.P.H.,

Offg. Sanitary Commissioner in Mysore,

Bangalore

To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to Government,

Bangalore.

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Sir,

In returning herewith the enclosures received with your letter No.G.5162 (6) San. 30-19-2 dated the 1st September 1919, I have the honour to state that one sample of each of the several makes of shaving and tooth brushes sold in the bazaar (Bangalore City) was purchased and examined at the Public Health Institute for anthrax infection. In none of the samples was B. anthracis detected.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

A.K. Pani
Offg. Sanitary Commissioner.

From *The Offg. Sanitary Commissioner
in Mysore, Bangalore*

To *The Chief Secretary to Govt.
of Mysore, Bangalore*

Dated *10th Dec. 19.*

Despatched

Received

General No. *B No 53* - DEC 1919
No.

Enclosure No. *6*

*Reporting that antitoxin
infection was not detected in
the several samples of shaving
and tooth-brushes examined at
the Public Health Institute.*

M.F.S.

SECRETARY
PROJECTION BRANCH.
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SUBJECT.....

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

Section *San*

File No. 30-19

Serial No. 4

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

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No.

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Date of issue.....

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To

The *San* *Canary*

Signed by.....

Mr. Mr. L. J. J. J.

With ref to your letter no 13. D. 53810-12 of reporting that the results of the examination of the bushes in the P. H. District, I am directed to request you to furnish available to the names of the persons exporting and importing ~~the~~ the brand &c of any bushes examined and any one ~~available~~ have etc. information ~~of~~ to them which would help in their identification

Per Chief Secy

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Department of Public Health in Mysore.

OFFICE OF THE SANITARY COMMISSIONER
WITH THE GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Bangalore, Dated the 26th January 1920

No. G.C.197-4
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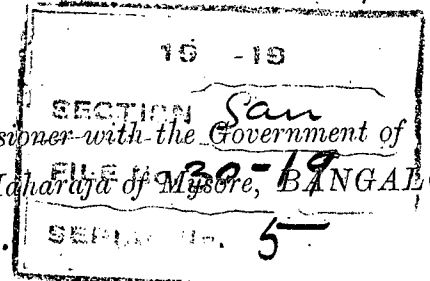
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From

A. K. PANI, Esq., D.P.H., etc.

Offg. Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of

H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, BANGALORE.



To

C. S. Balasundram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. G.14,408 San. 30-19-4 dated the 23rd ultimo, I have the honor to state that it has not been possible to ascertain the particulars regarding the brushes as they were all got by retail dealers in the Bangalore City from wholesale general Merchants at Madras and Bombay. No descriptive leaflets that would facilitate identification usually accompany such supplies.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

A. K. Pani
Offg. Sanitary Commissioner.

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From
The Sanitary Commissioner
in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government,
Bangalore.

Dated 2.1.20

Despatched

Received

General No.
No.

Enclosure No.

Ch. S. S. S.
27 JAN 1920
G. C. 197-11

Stating that particulars
leading to the identification of
certain brushes examined are not
available.

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SUBJECT.....

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

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Serial No. *6*

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No. *418091*

Date of issue.....

To

Signed by.....

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Mr. K. R. C. C. C.

The following press
communicated by
Govt of
India, Dept. of Education
Dak & Simla, the 14th June 1919
is re-published for general
information
(Here print the press communication)

3/1/20 Chief Secretary

To: The Compiler,
Mysore Gazette for
publishing the same
in part 1st of the over.
Mysore Gazette

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G. R. S. VI—C, —, —

SUBJECT.....

Diary No. of letter replied to

Section *San*

File No. *30-19*

Serial No. *7*

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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To .

Date of issue.....

The J. A. Resident

Signed by.....

Sir,

With ref to your

memo

letter no 6271 of 14th August 1919

State

I am directed to inform

you that the Sanitary

Commissioner in Mysore has

reported that in one

of the samples of shaving

and tooth brushes examined

in the Public Health

Inspector was B. anthracis

over.

forwarding copy of letter no 602 of 27-12 from the Secretary to the India Department re: the occurrence of a fatal case of anthrax at Coonoor from the use of an infected shaving brush imported from England,

who was asked to find out the extent to which infected brushes are imported into this country reports to say that one sample of each of the several makes of shaving and tooth brushes sold in the bazaar in Bangalore City was purchased and examined at the Public Health Institute, Bangalore, but in none of the samples examined were anthrax bacilli detected.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

Dated Bangalore, 12th February 1920

No.

Pd 900

Jan 30. 19.

From

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

To

Major C. T. C. Plowden, I.A.,

First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to your memo No. 6271/6 dated 14th August 1919 forwarding copy of letter No. 402 dated 2nd July 1919 from Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education re the occurrence of a fatal case of anthrax at Coonoor from the use of an infected shaving brush imported from England, I am directed to state that the Sanitary Commissioner in Mysore ^{who} was asked to find out the extent to which infected brushes are imported into this Country, reports to say that one sample of each of the several makes of shaving and tooth brushes sold in the bazaar in Bangalore City was purchased and examined at the Public Health Institute, Bangalore, but in none of the samples examined were anthrax bacilli detected.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Chief Secretary to Government.

H.A.